

**TODAY and
TOMORROW**

British Suppression

JUST after the Simla Conference fiasco Maulana Abul Kalam Azad declared that he was taking up with the British Government the question of the release of all political prisoners. And that seems to be the end of the matter. So far neither the Congress President nor the Viceroy has issued any statement.

Meanwhile, the new India Secretary in the British Cabinet, Lord Pethick-Lawrence has made it most clear that the British Government is not prepared to make any radical change in their India policy. At a recent Press conference, Pethick Lawrence indulged in the oldest platitudes about British aims and ideals, but he did not even allude to the problem of the release of all political prisoners. In his broadcast inviting Indian leaders to the Simla Conference, Lord Wavell clearly stated that the release of all political prisoners was to be decided by the new Executive Council. Now that there is no new Executive Council, Wavell's argument seems to be that the political prisoners must rot and die in jail until and unless a new Executive Council comes into being which it seems will be NEVER.

In fact while Pethick Lawrence has refused to say anything definite about what he will or will not do, Lord Wavell's Government in India is going ahead with its definite policy of oppressing and crushing the determined freedom fighters of India. Having seen that at least a small section of the Congress is bent upon compromise at any price, Wavell wants this small group of defeatist-minded Congress leaders to rally round a larger part of the masses of India. For this purpose, Wavell is wholly against the release of all political prisoners.

While the Simla negotiations were in progress and after they had ended, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose declared that the Left Wing leaders and masses would never allow the compromise-minded Working Committee to go back upon the determined and established policy of the Congress. Netaji said that the Left elements would help and guide the masses to overthrow compromise-minded defeatist leadership.

British censorship allows very little news of Left Wing nationalist activities to leak out, but that the British Government is greatly disturbed by these activities is abundantly clear from the precautions the British Government is taking to prevent any strong organisation of Left Wing elements. The latest reports from India reveal that Wavell's government has ordered that the ban on the Congress Socialist Party should remain. Only such Congressmen and nationalists as owe allegiance to the compromise-minded leaders are to be released. Thus after getting the complete submission of the Congress Working Committee at Simla, the British government is deliberately keeping up a tiresome full only to utilise it for the purpose of breaking the back of nationalist resistance.

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Dai Honyei Announces Border Clashes Between Nippon & Soviet Forces

War Situation In Various Other Fronts Reviewed

Tokyo, Aug. 9 (Domei)—Dai Honyei announced in a communique released at 5 o'clock this afternoon as follows:

From about midnight August 9, part of the Soviet Army opened attacks after crossing the eastern and western Manchoukuo-Soviet borders, while simultaneously a small number of aircraft of the Soviet air force made separate raids on parts of Northern Manchoukuo and Northern Chosen.

Tokyo, Aug. 10 (Domei)—Dai Honyei in a communique released at 3.20 this afternoon announced as follows:

"Firstly, a unit of our air force attacked an enemy task force in waters east of Miyagi Prefecture yesterday afternoon. Besides confirmedly damaging and setting ablaze one enemy large warcraft, our air unit obtained considerable war results.

"Secondly, the Soviet Army in the eastern and western Manchoukuo-Soviet border sectors is being gradually reinforced. Units of its force invaded the vicinity of Chihko on the northern Manchoukuo-Soviet border, Outer Mongolian border region, west of Solun, and the vicinity of Keiko, in northern Chosen yesterday afternoon.

"Our forces in these areas counter-attacked and are now engaged in fighting with these invading forces.

"Thirdly, our convoy unit cruising in waters east of northern Chosen encountered about 80 Soviet Army aircraft and shot down 14 of them without any damage on our side.

"Fourthly, part of the Soviet Army in the Karafuto border area opened an attack against us yesterday afternoon."

Tangier Confab Opens Experts Meet In Paris

Lisbon, August 10 (Domei)—Experts representing the governments of Britain, the United States, and the Soviet Union met in Paris today for the opening of the four-power conference for the settlement of the status of the International Zone in Tangier, which was occupied by Spain in 1940, according to a Paris dispatch.

The meeting is reported to have laid down the lines of work which the conference will follow. The next meeting is fixed for tomorrow afternoon.

International Red Cross Chief Arrives In Nippon

Tokyo, August 11 (Domei)—Dr. Marcel Junod, chief resident representative of the International Red Cross to Nippon, arrived here Thursday accompanied by a technical adviser, to take up his duties.

EAST INDIES INDEPENDENCE MOVE HELD MANIFESTATION OF NIPPON NATIONAL POLICY AND WAR AIMS

Indonesian Independence Set To Free World's Largest Muslim Community & To Open New Era

Pointing out that the appointment of the preparatory committee in connection with the granting of independence to the East Indies marked the final stage in the realization of that objective, Lt.-Col. Shozo Nakajima, Chief Spokesman of the Imperial Nippon Army in the Southern Regions, stated at his weekly Press conference here yesterday that this was in accordance with Nippon's national policy as set forth in the Imperial Rescript.

"This policy is in accord with the great principle contained in the Joint Declaration of the Conference of the Greater East Asiatic Nations held in Tokyo and also with the statement made at the Greater East Asia Ambassadorial Conference," went on the Chief Spokesman.

"With the realization of independence by the East Indies, the world's largest Muslim community will be born and I think it is very significant that this historical moment coincides with the 'Puasa' or the fasting period, the object of which is to endure hardships to attain glory," added the Chief Spokesman.

Stating that the enemy had impudently demanded the unconditional surrender of Nippon with the ulterior object of trying to eradicate the guardian of East Asia, Lt.-Col. Nakajima said that the Anglo-Americans had evidently cherished the idea that, after the surrender of Nippon, they could exploit the nations of East Asia at their leisure.

"When the enemy found that Nippon and other East Asiatic races could not be beguiled by this proposal, he started to resort to the use of a new type of deadly bomb and with this most destructive weapon he had raided Hiroshima on August 6. This bomb has superseded all other bombs in the brutality of its effects, and because of its

great explosive power more disaster is caused on the innocent citizens.

"When this bomb explodes it is said that people in the vicinity will be burnt, and in the enemy's recent raid on Hiroshima many persons were said to have been burnt while those in proper air raid shelters received hardly any injury.

"His Holiness the Pope has condemned the use of this new type of bomb as being more inhuman than the use of poison gas and I am sure that Allah will never let these criminal acts of the enemy go unpunished," stated Lt.-Col. Nakajima.

Emphasizing that any new or secret weapon usually has a tremendous effect when used for the first time and that when counter-measures are taken it loses its effectiveness, the Chief Spokesman said that the aim of the enemy in using this new type of bomb is to break the morale of the people of Nippon, but the people of Nippon have come to the conclusion that their morale cannot be weakened.

"If the enemy will not cease the use of this unlawful weapon it will be that we, too, will be compelled to use such deadly weapons with such extensive explosive power. The fact that Nippon did not use such weapons is because that it was not the object of Nippon to cause unlimited amount of disaster and destruction. Nippon's true objective is the liberation of Greater East Asia and at the same time the establishment of a co-prosperity sphere among the nations of the world.

"Should the enemy discard his greedy ambition to subjugate the people of Asia and awaken himself to the true ideals of co-prosperity this war can end at any time. Nippon's terms are from the very beginning consistent and the same," concluded Lt.-Col. Nakajima.

MADRAS MUSLIM LEADER APPEALS CONGRESS TO PUT UNITED FRONT

Addressing Muslim students in Madras on Wednesday, Mr. Said, President of the Madras Provincial Muslim League expressed the need for arriving at a settlement between Hindus and Muslims in India. He appealed to the Congress to come to a settlement with the Muslim League on the basis of Pakistan, so that a united front might be put to the British Government in order to achieve India's freedom.

A political observer here commenting on this asked how can we put a united front by

agreeing to divide? He also asked, has the Muslim League ever put up any kind of front against the British Government to secure the freedom of India?

The opinion that, apart from those leaders whose distinction in life of India depended on their political leadership of one or other of the communal groups, there was very little of communalism in India was expressed by A. E. Foot, who has returned to England on leave after ten years in India as the Headmaster of a noted Indian Public School.

Russia's Action Won't Alter Nippon Resolve To Fight To Very Last

Momentous Declaration By Lt. Col. Nakajima

Commenting on the sudden declaration of war by Soviet Russia on Nippon, Lt.-Col. Shozo Nakajima, Chief Spokesman of the Imperial Nippon Forces in the Southern Regions, declared at his regular weekly Press conference here yesterday that "just as we have been fighting up to now we will fight on to the very last."

The Chief Spokesman said that, with the collapse of Germany, Soviet Russia had been steadily making preparations to fight Nippon and what Nippon had been expecting had happened just now.

"Now that Russia had joined hands with our enemy in the war against us, this does not alter our war aims and objective in the least. Even if a new enemy is added to the other side we are prepared to continue this war and fight it to the last five minutes.

"The fact that all the trump cards which the enemy held have now been put on the table, has relieved our minds. At the same time our fighting spirit will daily increase in strength.

Although the people of Nippon as a whole have been placed in a very difficult position their fighting spirit and morale is nonetheless gaining in strength, and there is no doubt they will fight to the very last five minutes of the war.

Concluding, Lt.-Col. Nakajima said, "We promise that by fighting this war to the very last we will establish in this world peace, truth and happiness."

Nippon Govt. Files Protest Over Hiroshima Bombing

Tokyo, August 11 (Domei)—The Nippon Government filed a protest with the United States Government yesterday against its attack on Hiroshima last Monday, August 6, with a new-type bomb.

The Nippon protest was lodged through the Swiss Government which is the protecting power for Nippon interests, it was officially revealed here. It was further learned that the Nippon Government requested the Swiss Minister here to explain to the International Red Cross in Geneva the objectives of the Nippon Government's protest to the United States.

Damage To Another U.S. Naval Vessel Admitted

Lisbon, Aug. 10 (Domei)—A Guam dispatch today admitted that a "light" American naval vessel was damaged yesterday when the American Third Fleet conducted a carrier raid on the Nipponese mainland. No details were given.

Hiroshima Raid "Pure Nihilism" Says Times

Tokyo, August 10 (Domei)—The Nippon Times editorial entitled "Moral Outrage Against Humanity" strongly protested against the American air attack on Hiroshima last Monday morning.

Excerpts from the editorial follow:

Not only has a greater part of Hiroshima been wiped out but an extraordinary proportion of the inhabitants has been either killed or injured. The use of a weapon of such destructiveness not only commands attention as a matter of a new technique in the conduct of war. More fundamentally and vitally the future of humanity is put at stake.

The recent American attack on Hiroshima was an act of premeditated wholesale murder, the deliberate snuffing out of lives of innocent civilians who had no chance of protecting themselves in the slightest degree.

It is not primarily a matter of legal justifiability or even of the principles of international conduct. It is a matter which goes to the very heart of the fundamental concept of human morality. How can a human being with any claim to a sense of moral responsibility deliberately let loose an instrument of destruction which can at one stroke annihilate an appalling segment of mankind? This is not war; this is not even murder; this is pure nihilism.

This is a crime against God and humanity which strikes at the very basis of moral existence. What meaning is there in any international law, in any rule of human conduct, in any concept of right and wrong if the very foundations of morality are being overthrown, as the use of this instrument of total destruction threatens to do? What more barbarous atrocity can there be than to wipe out at one stroke the population of a whole city without distinction—men, women and children, the aged, weak and infirm; those in positions of authority and those with no power at all; all snuffed out without being given the chance of lifting even a finger in either defence or defiance!

For this American outrage against the fundamental moral sense of mankind, Nippon must proclaim to the world its protest against the United States.

Treatment Of Indian Prisoners Deplorable

Lisbon, August 10 (Domei)—The "New Statesman and Nation," Left Wing weekly, today published a letter by an Indian who strongly charged that British authorities in India were subjecting Indian prisoners to inhuman treatment, according to a London dispatch. The journal recently has been devoting considerable space to the controversy over alleged cruelties in India's prisons.

The Indian writer said that members of the Indian police and I.M.S. officers, who usually as prison superintendents are appointed by the Secretary of State and subject only to his orders, were guilty of manifesting "callous disregard" for the

Mahasabha President Appeals Bengal Youths

Dr. Shyamprasad Mukerjee, President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha has issued an appeal to the youth of Bengal to join the armed forces in increasing numbers. Dr. Mukerjee says no country can maintain itself unless it is backed by superior military strength on land, at sea and in the air. It is therefore in the interests of India and in the cause of maintenance of peace, democracy and liberty throughout the world that the youth of the country should respond to schemes of military training.

Dr. Mukerjee's appeal would have been indeed welcome had the Indian troops been really employed in the interests of India and for the cause of maintenance of peace, democracy and liberty. But the contrary is the case. The Indian army under the British is an engine of oppression. It is used by the British to crush freedom and democracy in India and abroad.

Indians should join only a national army in a Free India. Only then can they serve the interests of India. It should be noted that Dr. Mukerjee's appeal follows the refusal of Lord Wavell to give representation to the Hindu Mahasabha at the Simla Conference. Dr. Mukerjee, by his appeal to the youths to join the army hopes to set him-

Swiss Paper Criticises U.S. Barbarous Bombing

Zurich, August 9 (Domei)—Strongly condemning America's indiscriminate bombing of Nippon cities, the influential Swiss journal "Gazette Lausanne" on Monday editorially urged the Swiss Government to prevail on the United States against the continuance of such inhuman attacks against civilians.

Although American airmen recently scattered pamphlets over Nippon listing the cities they next would attack, the editorial said that many of the cities named could not be considered as being of military character.

The "Gazette Lausanne" declared that the people of Switzerland could not close their eyes to the fact that numerous Nippon women and children are losing their lives in the bombing of Nippon cities, which are more vulnerable to bombing on account of their wooden character.

Although it is difficult for Switzerland as a neutral to grasp a true picture of the actual situation, the paper said that Switzerland, as the founder of the International Red Cross, has the duty to give full consideration to the present problem.

self right with Lord Wavell and expects a place in future conferences.

Nijayalakshmi Pandit Operated On Successfully

Lisbon, August 10 (Domei)—Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, sister of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, internationally-known Congress leader, has undergone an operation successfully in a New York hospital, according to a New York dispatch.

Mrs. Pandit, who has been conducting a speaking tour in the United States to gain sympathy for the Indian cause, is expected to remain in hospital for two or three weeks, the dispatch said.

General Smuts To Meet S. Africa Indian Leaders

Lisbon, August 10 (Domei)—South African Prime Minister General Jan Smuts today disclosed that he intended to call a conference of leading Indian leaders in South Africa shortly in order to solve numerous outstanding questions involving Indian residents in South Africa, according to a Pretoria dispatch.

The conference is expected to discuss the difficulties arising between the European and Indian residents about the occupation and purchase of residential property in Natal over which a controversy has been raging since early this year. Strong racial prejudice against the Indians prevails in Natal, with the European residents stubbornly refusing to recognize Indian demands for better treatment.

Instructions of the Government and even the High Court.

The feeling of having uncontrolled authority is leading these police authorities to commit cruelties, the writer said, adding that the new British Labour Government must take quick and decisive action to solve the deplorable situation.

U.S. Govt. Violates International Law

Tokyo, August 10 (Domei)—Declaring that the new-type bomb dropped on Hiroshima is worse than poison gas in its inhuman destructive power, the Nippon Government's protest yesterday charged the United States Government with violating international law.

The protest was filed against the United States Government yesterday through the Swiss Government with the Swiss Minister in Nippon requested to convey the nature of the protest to the International Red Cross at Geneva. The note of protest said in part:

The dropping of a new-type bomb on the city area of Hiroshima on August 6 by United States aircraft in an instant caused large casualties among the city's residents and destroyed a great part of the city. Hiroshima City did not have any special defence and military aircraft. The bombing is far more atrocious and inhuman than poison gas. The use of such a bomb ignores international law and the fundamental principle of humanity.

In his statement in connection with the bombing of Hiroshima City with a new-type bomb, President Truman stated, "We must destroy docks, factories and the communications system." However, the new-type bomb used on Hiroshima is dropped by means of a parachute and explodes in the air with destructive power over an extremely wide area. Accordingly, it is clear that to confine such attacking power to special objectives is absolutely impossible scientifically.

Investigation reveals that damage was extended to a wide area and persons in the area without distinction of combatants and non-combatants as well as the young and aged of both sexes were indiscriminately

Vatican Condemns U.S. Raid On Hiroshima City

Lisbon, August 9 (Domei)—The "Osservatore Romano," mouthpiece of the Holy See, on Tuesday strongly denounced America's barbarous attempt to wipe out the city and people of Hiroshima through the use of a new, secret bomb of tremendous explosive capacity, according to a Rome dispatch. It termed America's action as a ruthless violation of international humane principles.

Recalling that Leonardo da Vinci, famed 15th Century painter-scientist, who conceived the idea of a submarine, destroyed his design from fear that it would be employed later for an unjust purpose, the Vatican paper said it was to be regretted that the inventor of the latest secret weapon did not follow the example set by da Vinci.

Mountbatten Warns Long War Ahead In Pacific Zone

Lisbon, August 10 (Domei)—Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supreme Commander of the South-east Asia Command who is now in London after taking part in the Potsdam talks, yesterday declared it would be the greatest folly to assume that the new bomb of tremendous explosive capacity which the Americans have started using against Nippon was going to stop the Far East war, according to a London dispatch.

Mountbatten warned that the Nipponese forces in South-east Asia, which have not yet been engaged are "well-fed and well-equipped and are going to prove tough nuts."

Punjab Govt. Lifts Ban On Congress Committees

It is learned from a New Delhi report received here last night that the Punjab Government has removed the ban on all Congress Committees in the Punjab, except the Congress Socialist Party. The decision of not lifting the ban on the Congress Socialist Party is significant and indicates Government's policy to suppress all organizations in the country with Leftist leanings. The Leftists are opposed to any sort of compromise with the British Government on the issue of independence.

Prime Minister Asked To Reshuffle Greek Cabinet

Lisbon, Aug. 10 (Domei)—Owing to disagreement among the parties over the plan for a new "political" cabinet for Greece, Greek Regent Archbishop Damaskinos yesterday asked Prime Minister Admiral Peter Voulgaris to reconstruct his "caretaker" Government. Reuter reported from London. It said a new cabinet list is expected soon.

killed or wounded by the explosive pressure and intense heat generated. In short, investigation of individual casualties and the general damage done manifests a hitherto unprecedented savage conduct in history.

That the use of such an atrocious weapon against humanity cannot be permitted is clearly shown by international law on the conduct of warfare. A large number of young and aged women and children have been wounded or killed and shrines, temples, schools, hospitals and civilian dwellings have been destroyed and burned. In the name of entire humanity and civilization, the Nippon Government demand immediate discontinuance of such a missile of unprecedented atrocity.

Syonan Creates New Record In Postal Savings In July

Syonan created a new record in postal savings last month when deposits amounting to one and a quarter million dollars were received by the various post offices here.

The month is also notable at the same time in regard to depositors, there being 5,000 new depositors in Syonan. The total number of Syonan depositors at present exceeds 105,000.

It is clear that the Postal Savings system is being fully appreciated by the masses not only in Syonan but throughout the whole of Malai as evidenced by the fact that the amount of money deposited monthly in the various post offices throughout the country is on the increase.

Full advantage of the savings banks is also being taken by the evacuees who had been leaving Syonan for upcountry and who had deposited large sums of money.

The assistance rendered by the A.P.A. personnel towards the postal savings drive is much appreciated by the Postal Authorities. In this connection the work of Kutyong Shien Yein of "B" Division, Area No. 1, who together with his fellow Syokutyos, Tan Hong Whay and Khoo Peng Leng, had been instrumental in encouraging deposits amounting to the magnificent sum of \$169,100 in a single day's outing with the Post Office Goodwill Mission during the recent Savings Bank Encouragement Week, is worthy of special mention.

It is hoped that, with the continued co-operation and help of these A.P.A. Officers, every citizen in Syonan will soon become the proud possessor of a Post Office Savings Bank Pass Book.

Enemy Submarine Sunk In Straits Of Malacca

An Undisclosed Base, August 10 (Domei)—Our air force at about 9.40 o'clock Wednesday morning spotted an enemy submarine surfaced in the Malacca Straits and promptly attacking it, definitely sank the undersea craft.

About the same time in the same sea area, our air force spotted an enemy periscope and promptly attacked the enemy submarine but war results are not confirmed.

DEATH

The death occurred at the I.N.A. Hospital, Bidadari, yesterday evening of Mr. P. Dorakannu of the editorial staff of the "Suthanthira India". The deceased was taken ill a couple of days ago and was removed to hospital yesterday morning when his condition became serious and passed away in the evening.

The deceased was in his 44th year and leaves a number of children with whom much sympathy will be felt.

The funeral takes place this evening.

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